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POLICY AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE. . . . Agency heads as members of the new Policy and Program Committee will help formulate overall programs and policies of the Department beginning December 31. Functions of the Committee will include those "with respect to planning transferred from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the review and evaluation of plans and programs of the constituent agencies of the Department, and the making of recommendations for adapting them to changing conditions and situations. . . ."interbureau working groups in Washington and the field will, under activity leaders, continue to develop information and make recommendations regarding assigned phases of the Department's work." (Secretary's Memo. No. 1140). The Committee will be composed of the following and the Secretary as Chairman: The Under Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Administrators of PMA, ARA, FSA, and REA; the Governor of FCA; the Chiefs of FS, SCS, and BAE; the Directors of OFAR, Extension Work, and of PMA's Field Service Branch; the Director of Information; the Solicitor, and the Budget Officer. The public discussion and study work of BAE was transferred to the Extension Service in the recently announced reorganization of BAE to strengthen its agricultural statistics and economic research work.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . December 13, both Houses agreed to the conference report on the Government reorganization bill. December 14, the House passed a modified full employment bill; the President approved a measure appropriating 550 million dollars additional for UNRRA. December 17, a House committee reported a bill to continue administration of and provide for ultimate liquidation of rural rehabilitation projects. December 18, the Senate passed the Downey pay bill with an amendment providing for an average increase of 11 percent. December 19, Congress completed action on the first deficiency appropriation bill; the House agreed to a conference report on a bill to liberalize the G. I. Bill of Rights.

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DATES TO REMEMBER. . . .Jan. 3-4, Federal Extension conference, Washington, D. C.; Jan. 7-9, Extension Service Institute, Washington, D. C.; Jan. 9, National Dairy Council meeting, Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh; Jan. 14, FCC Clear-Channel Radio Hearings, Washington, D. C.; Jan. 14-15, meeting of the Pacific Northwest Regional Committee on Postwar Programs.

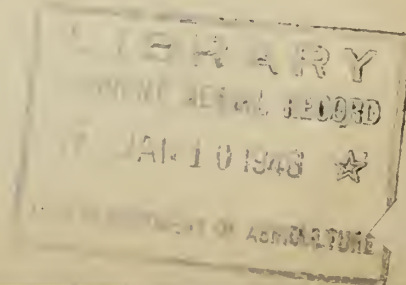
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EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS OF USDA's Exhibits Service will stage a postwar come-back at the Florida State Fair, Tampa, February 5-16. It will demonstrate progress in livestock and plant breeding. Department displays of this kind have not been sent to fairs since early 1942 because of the transportation situation.

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BAE'S OVERALL REPORT on winter wheat and rye for 1945 is out. Copies may be obtained from the Division of Economic Information, BAE.

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USDA RELEASE OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. . . . Twenty-six percent increase in world flaxseed production--2301; Cheese curing time cut in half by research--2303; USDA bulletins for foreign shipment--2306; Fats and oils order (WFO, 42) amended--2321; Fertilizer nitrogen figures--2323; Overall annual crop report--2324; Cotton insulation program through June 30, 1947, announced--2336; Publication of agricultural yearbook to be resumed--2339; Biography of Secretary Anderson--2341, and the following addresses of Department officials:

* Question Mark of 1946, talk by Secretary Anderson before the na- *
* tional convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Chi- *
* cago, Dec. 18, 12 pages--2318; Foreign Trade Outlook for Fruits *
* and Vegetables, talk by C. W. Kitchen, Ass't Admin. of PMA, be- *
* fore meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Chicago, *
* Dec. 17, 5 pages--2319; The Relation of the Extension Service to *
* the USDA, W. A. Minor, Assistant to the Secretary, at annual *
* Extension conference, Blacksburg, Va., Dec. 14, 13 pages--2329; A *
* Look Ahead, J. B. Hutson, Under Secretary, address at annual Ohio *
* State Extension Conference, Columbus, Dec. 20, 13 pages--2332. *
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"SO SORRY PLEASE!" the Japs probably said as they ruthlessly destroyed when invading the Pacific Islands. Because they destroyed so many mills and transportation systems necessary for processing coconut and other oils, WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF FAT and will have until about July 1946. About 84 percent of our inedible oil is used for ordinary "cleaning" soaps but some oil is required in the manufacture of nearly everything that was short during the war. So PMA's Field Service Branch is reminding farmers to save every ounce possible when they butcher hogs this winter. Saving used kitchen fats is still an important job--push it!

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Cooking with Dried Eggs, AIS-28, 16 p.; Laying Out Fields for Tractor Plowing, Farmers' Bul. No. 1045, 13 p., rev. Nov. 1945; Internal Parasites of Swine, Farmers' Bul. No. 1737, 46 p., rev. Oct. 1945; Nutritive Properties of Pork Protein and Its Supplemental Value for Bread Protein, Tech. Bul. No. 906, 12 p.

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ADD TO OUTLOOK MATERIALS, available about January 1 from BAE, "Prospects for Agricultural Exports to Europe," an address by Representative Clifford R. Hope, Ranking Minority Member, House Agriculture Committee, at the 23rd Outlook Conference.

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AN EGG PROGRAM. . . . The Poultry and Food Distribution Branches of PMA are planning a consumer program to help keep the egg markets clear later in the year when eggs become more plentiful. An egg fact sheet, now in preparation, will be issued soon.

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THE BRITISH LOAN. . . . State Department release No. 905 on the proposed British loan, for publication December 6, is now available from the USDA Office of Information. It includes statements by President Truman and the Prime Minister of Great Britain on Dec. 6; two joint statements by the United States and the United Kingdom (1) regarding the understanding reached on commercial policy and (2) settlement for Lend-Lease Reciprocal Aid, Surplus War Property and Claims; and a financial agreement between the two Governments. The release is a 9-page, mimeographed piece. As mentioned last week Secretary Anderson's statement on the proposed loan is contained in release 2271, copies of which may be secured from the Press Service.

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COUNTY AG OFFICERS. . . . 1946 officers of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, elected at their annual meeting, are: President, W. H. Sill, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Vice-President, H. M. Nichols, Webster City, Iowa; Secretary-Treasurer, C. C. Keller, Springfield, Missouri; Directors, Ben Morgan, Marlinton, W. Va.; Cletus F. Murphy, Wauzeka, Wis.; John H. Logan, Clearwater, Fla.; and Stewart Sterling, Silver City, New Mexico. A. F. MacDougall of Concord, Mass., was made a member of the Executive Committee.

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SOME USDA LAWS UP TO DATE. . . . A revised compilation of the following agricultural legislation, dated July 1945, was recently received from the printer and is available from the Field Service Branch, PMA: Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act as amended; the Triple-A Act of 1933 as amended; the FCIC Act as amended; the Sugar Act of 1937 as amended, and related appropriation items and miscellaneous laws.

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AND NOW "MERRY XMAS, A HAPPY NEW YEAR". . . . It's easy to say "Merry Xmas" this year for there is "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men!" So here goes, and thanks for everything you've contributed to the Calendar this year--suggestions, news items, "hot tips," words of appreciation.

By the way have you a suggestion for making the Calendar more helpful to you? Then pass it along to Room 460, attention Calendar Editor. And, don't forget, tips about happenings in your Section which others would like to know or could profit by are always appreciated. Again, season's greetings, and the best of everything!--Ye Editor.

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